



FACT SHEET

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

910TH Airlift Wing (AFRC)

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MISSION

The overall mission of the 910th Airlift wing is to ensure the organization and individual members can perform command authority directed taskings in support of national objectives by providing mission ready forces, airlift and aerial spray operations and base operating support.

In wartime, the 910th Airlift Wing is to employ the Lockheed C-130 Hercules aircraft in combat operations of tactical airlift. These operations include low-level infiltration into a combat environment, where aircrews can deliver personnel and materials by airdrop and air-land techniques.

ORGANIZATION

The 910th Airlift Wing is a United States Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) unit located at Youngstown Air Reserve Station, Vienna, Ohio. It is under the command of 22nd Air Force, Dobbins ARB, Ga., and Headquarters AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga. In the event of mobilization, the unit would be assigned to the Air Mobility Command, headquartered at Scott AFB, IL.

Today the 910th Airlift Wing is comprised of three groups and one medical unit, the 910th Medical Squadron. The 910th Operations Group is comprised of two flying squadrons and one support unit, the 910th Operations Support Squadron. The two flying squadrons are the 757th Airlift Squadron, including the only full-time, fixed-wing aerial spray mission in the Department of Defense, and the 773rd Airlift Squadron. The 910th Maintenance Group is assigned two squadrons and a flight, the 910th Maintenance Operations Flight. The two squadrons are the 910th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, the largest unit existing on the base; and the 910th Maintenance Squadron, which includes ground support maintenance operations. The 910th Mission Support Group is assigned seven units: the 910th Mission Support Flight, 910th Civil Engineer Squadron, 910th Security Forces Squadron, 910th Services Squadron, 910th Logistics Readiness Squadron, and 910th Communications Flight.

AIRCRAFT

The 910th is currently authorized and assigned 12 Lockheed C-130H2 Hercules transport and cargo aircraft. The 910th Airlift Wing converted from the C-130 Hercules "B" model to the "H" model between August 1990 and April 1991. The aircraft can airlift 92 persons, more than 45,000 pounds of cargo, 74 litter patients or 64 paratroopers. It can land on unimproved or dirt airstrips of less than 3,000 feet in length. It may also accomplish strategic airlift of personnel and supplies at distances in excess of 3,000 miles.

*** Authorized Personnel (approximate as of September 2006)**

1. Air Force Reservists – 1,445
2. Air Reserve Technicians - 309
3. AF DoD Civilian Element - 190
4. Naval & Marine Corps Reserve - 295

*** Economic Impact**

Civilian Pay - More than \$20 million annually
Military Pay - More than \$28 million annually
Local Expenditures - More than \$38 million annually
(Utilities, construction, lodging, supplies and equipment)
Dollar value of indirect jobs created – More than \$19 million annually
Total – \$105 million annually

***As per Economic Resource Impact Statement (ERIS) dated 30 September 2006.**

SIGNIFICANT HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

1951 – 1954 – The Air Defense Command negotiates with the local community to construct a Reserve base to defend the northern United States.

1955 - Air Defense Command constructs the base.

1957 - Construction of separate Reserve facilities is completed. The 26th Fighter-Bomber Squadron is established, flying T-33 and F86H aircraft.

1958 - After deactivation of the 26th, the 757th Troop Carrier Squadron, equipped with C-119 cargo aircraft is moved here from Byrd Field, VA.

1960 - The Air Force transfers command of Youngstown Air Force Base from Air Defense Command to the 757th and the Continental Air Command (now the Air Force Reserve).

1965 - Unit C-119s carry personnel and supplies to the Caribbean to aid in the Dominican Republic Crisis.

1969 - The tactical airlift mission ends when the unit is redesignated the 910th Tactical Air Support Group, flying U-3s and training forward air controllers.

1971 - Unit is converted to the 910th Special Operations Group, flying A-37 fighter-bombers in a close air support mission.

September 1973 - The unit is redesignated the 910th Tactical Fighter Group, retaining the same mission.

June 1981 – Unit is converted to 910th Tactical Airlift Group, flying C-130B models

November 1990 - 76th Mobile Aerial Port Squadron is called to active duty for Desert Shield/Storm.

January 1991 – The 910th Medical Squadron is called to active duty for Desert Shield/Storm. The Group also assumed the Aerial Spray Mission for the Department of Defense.

May 94 - Three aircraft from the 910th deliver pallets of humanitarian cargo to Mother Teresa in India, becoming the first U.S. military aircraft to operate there in 22 years.

October 94 - The 910th Airlift Group is redesignated the 910th Airlift Wing, with 16 permanently assigned and authorized aircraft. Youngstown ARB is also named as the site for a regional maintenance facility.

April 1995 - The 773rd Airlift Squadron is activated as a unit of the 910th Airlift Wing.

December 1995 - The 910th Airlift Wing participates in the first-ever joint AFRES/ANG C-130 unit Air Combat Command Operational Readiness Inspection at Savannah, Georgia's Combat Readiness Training Center.

November 2003 - The 910th Airlift Wing transfers four C-130 aircraft to the 934th Airlift Wing at Minneapolis Air Reserve Station as part of the Air Force Mobility Roadmap Plan to keep the Air Force fleet modernized throughout the next 20 years. The transfer leaves the 910th with 12 permanently assigned C-130H2 aircraft.

May 2005 - Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld released his list of military base closure and realignment recommendations to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission. The list did not include any adverse affects for Youngstown Air Reserve Station, but area citizens from both the public and private sectors stood strong in their continued support of the base—just in case the 910th was added at a later date. When the final BRAC list was made public in September, the 910th was still not included.

RECENT UNIT ACHIEVEMENTS

April 2000 - The 910th Airlift Wing, under the command of Brig. Gen. Michael F. Gjede, is the lead unit in the first-ever Air Mobility Command Inspector General Exercise under the Aerospace Expeditionary Force Concept while deployed to the Savannah, Georgia Combat Readiness Training Center with 13 other AF Wings from across the country.

February 2003 - Approximately 250 Air Force reservists from the 757th Airlift Squadron and 910th Maintenance Squadron were activated and deployed to Ramstein AB, Germany in support of Operations Joint Forge and Iraqi Freedom. This was the largest activation of personnel from the 910th Airlift Wing since 1991 during Desert Storm. The reservists formed what is known as the 38th Airlift Squadron (Provisional), also known as the Delta Squadron.

June 2003 - An aircrew from the 773rd Airlift Squadron delivered humanitarian relief supplies to earthquake victims in Algiers, Algeria. The 6.8 earthquake shook the coastal city of Algiers May 21, 2003 killing 2,300 people and injuring 10,000 during the quake and the aftershocks that followed. The C-130 from the 910th Airlift Wing was the first U.S. military aircraft to land at Algiers to bring relief.

June-August 2003 - Unit reservists deployed to Germany to support Operation Joint Forge and Iraqi Freedom began to return to home station, but remained on active duty orders pending receipt of demobilization orders while they continued to reconstitute aircraft, equipment and training records. As of August 31, 2003, the Delta Squadron had flown over 5,252 hours, airlifted 10,607 passengers, 5,281 tons of cargo, on 1,602 sorties. The remainder of 757th AS and 910th AMS members pulled out of the Delta Squadron to return home to Youngstown Air Reserve Station.

July 2005 - More than 90 Air Force Reservists from the 757th Airlift Squadron, one of the two flying squadrons assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing, were honored for combat missions their unit flew while supporting the ongoing War on Terrorism. The 757th reservists were called to active duty from February 27, 2003 to August 31, 2004 supporting six major military operations including Operations Joint Forge, Coronet Oak, Focus Relief, Shining Express, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. Their actual deployment locations included at least 25 countries throughout Europe, Southwest Asia, and the African continent. Over the course of this period the C-130 aircrew members transported more than 26,000 people and more than 5,000 tons of cargo on at least 3,400 flying missions, of which at least 2,300 were actual combat missions. Altogether, the squadron flew more than 4,800 hours during its period of activation. Col. Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, presented 86 Air Medals and 11 Aerial Achievement Medals to 59 aircrew members of the unit.

September-October 2005 - Unique to the 910th Airlift Wing, the Aerial Spray mission remains the only full-time, fixed-wing aerial spray unit in the Department of Defense (DOD). Hurricanes Katrina and Rita brought mass devastation to the Gulf region of the United States in late August and in September 2005. The monster storms and subsequent flooding also resulted in a huge aerial spray mission requirement to keep diseases from rampantly spreading across the region due to insect bites. Men and women from the 910th aerial spray mission deployed to Duke Field, Fla., to set up a base of operations to combat the potential deadly spread of infectious diseases from insect bites. When the mission concluded, aircrew members, aircraft maintenance personnel, aerial spray maintenance personnel, and operations support personnel had helped the people of Louisiana and Texas by spraying more than 2.8 million acres. This equates to 4,501 square miles, or approximately an area the size of Connecticut. Fourteen thousand gallons of pesticide were used during the missions at a cost of \$1.6 million. The missions encompassed 191.4 total flying hours, with 46.5 hours of actual "spray on" time while flying at 150 feet above ground level. This was the largest tasking the aerial spray mission has had since its beginning in 1973.

November 2005 -- A \$700,000 night-vision goggle landing system was completed in November 2005. Night vision lighting was put in at both ends of the airport's main runway and at both ends of the reserve station's assault runway. The airport's tower can turn off the standard landing lights and turn on the night vision lights with the flick of a switch. The project was paid for by the Air Force Reserve and will make the air base an even more attractive training location for military aircrews to train using night vision goggles, which are required on many missions in hostile areas such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

December 2005 -- More than 90 Air Force Reserve Citizen Airmen from the 773rd Airlift Squadron, the second flying squadron assigned to the 910th Airlift Wing, were honored here for their contributions to the War on Terrorism. These reservists were called to active duty from December 1, 2003 to November 30, 2005 supporting six major military operations including Operations Joint Forge, Coronet Oak, Focus Relief, Shining Express, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. Their deployment locations included at least 25 countries throughout Europe, Southwest Asia, and the African continent. Over the course of this period the C-130 aircrew members transported more than 50,000 people and more than 9,000 tons of cargo on at least 5,500 flying missions, of which at least 4,500 were actual combat missions. Altogether, the squadron flew more than 6,000 hours during its period of activation. Col. Tim Thomson, commander of the 910th Airlift Wing, presented 220 Air Medals and 10 Aerial Achievement Medals to 80 aircrew members of the 773rd.

UNIT DECORATIONS

The Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards: September 1, 1983 through August 31, 1985; September 1, 1995 through August 31, 1997; and September 1, 2003 to August 31, 2005 (910 OG). The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm: February 14 through March 1968; October 26 and 27, 1972.

CAMPAIGN STREAMERS: Rome-Arno; Southern France; North Apennines; PO Valley; Air Offensive, Europe; Normandy; Rhineland; Central Europe Air combat; European-African-Middle Eastern Theater.

UNIT AWARDS: 910th SFS, Best SF Unit in AFRC for 2005; 21 AF Reserve Forces award for flying excellence, Honorable Mention FY89; AFCC Commander's Achievement Award (Best Reserve Unit) FY89; AFCC Outstanding Base Civil Engineering Organization of the year FY89; 14 AF Top Recruiting Award 1st and 2nd Qtr FY89; AFRES Outstanding Host Unit Administrative Award FY90; AFRES Fire Protection Skills competition, Second Place FY90 and First Place 91; Patriot Ace II-Air Transportable Clinic First Place FY90; AFRES Fuels Readiness Competition FY90; AFRES Outstanding Operational Contracting Office FY90; AF Airlift Rodeo (1st in AFRES) FY90; AFRES Supply Effectiveness Award FY90; AFRES Best Small DP Program Award FY90; 14 AF Excellence Award Recruiting 3rd Qtr FY91; 21 AF Outstanding Mobile Aerial Port Air Reserve Component (ARC) Award FY90; MAC Outstanding Mobile Aerial Port Air Reserve Component FY90. 1994 Air Combat Command Flight Safety Award; 1995 10th Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award. 2000, 2001 First Place Public Affairs Director's Excellence Award Host Wing.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The 910th Airlift Wing sponsors numerous examples of community service activities such as an active Base-Community Council. The Base-Community Council, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization formed to support Youngstown Air Reserve Station and the men and women who work here. The council conducts regular meetings to discuss current events at the base and find ways it can support the mission of the Wing. The 910th also supports local Reserve Officer Training Corps units including conducting a boot camp at the base each year for the Cleveland East Tech High School AFJROTC unit. The 910th also has a current support agreement with Civil Air Patrol Squadron 051. The 910th hosts scheduled Red Cross blood drives. The Public Affairs office conducts tours of the base to demonstrate to taxpayers how their tax money is spent to support Youngstown Air Reserve Station and a speakers bureau program to provide military speakers for community events. The Public Affairs office also coordinates civic leader and news media orientation flights and tours which help inform the Mahoning Valley of the mission, history, activity and economic impact the 910th has on northeastern Ohio. A Pilot for a Day program is also conducted for the benefit of local children who suffer from a chronic or life-threatening disease or illness. The base fire department participates in a local mutual aid program and provides primary fire protection for civilian as well as military aircraft accidents in the area. They also conduct a yearly fire training school involving many departments from the tri-county area. The 910th Security Forces Squadron has adopted a section of State Route 193 and the 910th Maintenance Squadron has adopted a section of State Route 11 under the State of Ohio's Adopt A Highway program, keeping it free of trash and looking neat.

(Current as of July 2007)